



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Monday, April 13, 2020

Today's State News

The highlights of Governor Abbott's press conference today included announcing with several business leaders that Goldman Sachs is providing \$50 million for business loans through the Paycheck Protection Program and LiftFund. The Governor noted on several occasions that he would be issuing an executive order later this week with guidelines for reopening Texas businesses. He reiterated that the reopening will be gradual, responsible and done safely – hinting that the first phase of reopening would be for businesses with no-to-little likelihood of further spreading the COVID-19 virus. The Governor is expected to also make an announcement on schools this week. Read Governor Abbott's [press release](#).

Texas COVID Stats

- over **133,000** tests have been administered for COVID-19.
- **13,827** positive tests
- **1,176** hospitalization connected to COVID-19
- **286** fatalities connected to COVID-19
- **2,269** recoveries from positive COVID-19 tests

PPE

- **4.5** million masks have shipped
- **175,000** face shields have shipped
- **2.5** million gloves have shipped
- **11,000** gowns have shipped

Today's County News

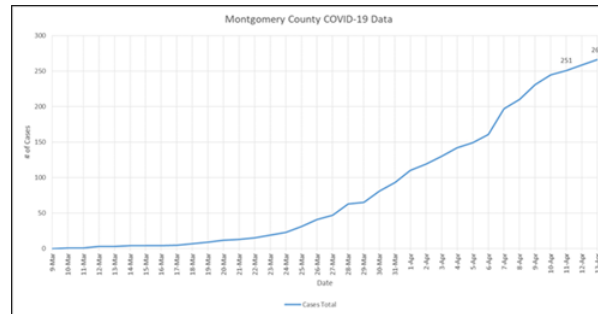
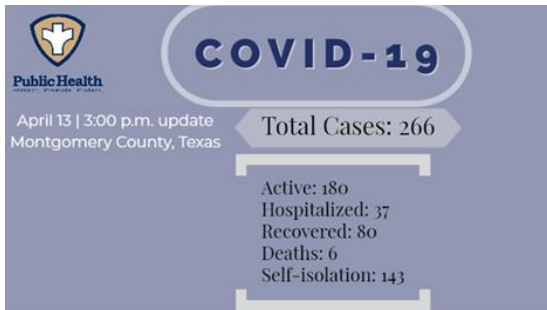
Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, is saddened to confirm the 6th death related to COVID-19 in Montgomery County. He was a man in his 50s, who resided in the Porter area. He was pronounced dead at a hospital in Montgomery County and later tested positive for COVID-19.

There are now 266 total positive cases of COVID-19, up 15 cases from Saturday. Montgomery County reports that 80 county residents have fully recovered.



Details on Montgomery County cases can be found here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management updates a dashboard for the cases here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.



Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

As of April 13, 2020 (4:00 p.m.), Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has 3 new cases of COVID-19, which brings the total to 1,508 positive cases. HCPH is also confirming that 417 of its patients have recovered. Harris County lists by quadrants, and the Village of Creekside Park is located in the NW Quadrant, where there are 559 active cases, 226 recovered and 14 deaths. There have been 28 total deaths of COVID-19 in Harris County. None of these numbers include the City of Houston. A full description of the numbers can be found here: <https://harriscounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c0de71f8ea484b85bb5efcb7c07c6914>.

Statistics from Johns Hopkins University

For additional interactive graphics on cases in Harris and Montgomery Counties, please visit the links below:

Montgomery: <https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/48339.html>

Harris: <https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/48201.html>

Two Mobile Testing Sites Coming to Precinct 4

Tomball, Humble to Be Home to COVID-19 Testing Sites Within Week

Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle announced today the opening of two COVID-19 testing sites in Precinct 4 within the week at locations in Tomball and Humble.

Harris County Public Health will open the first testing site in Tomball on Tuesday, April 14. That site will perform testing on registered visitors from April 14-16 and April 27-29. A second Public Health testing site will open in Humble on Monday, April 20. The Humble location will test registered visitors from April 20-22 and May 7-9.

Each site is expected to handle as many as 100 tests per day, with that number increasing daily.



The addresses of the sites will be provided to those successfully completing their registration, but will otherwise remain undisclosed to discourage unregistered visitors. **Unregistered visitors will not be tested and will be turned away by security officials.**

To determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19, please visit <https://checkforcorona.com/harris-county#/welcome>. Those deemed to be at risk for coronavirus will be given a code and phone number to call. After a telephone consultation, those still deemed to be at risk will be given another unique code and information on where and when they are to be tested. Those assigned for testing should bring a photo ID and any other information requested by the phone screener. **Walk-ins will not be tested.**

Those with questions may call Harris County Public Health at 832-927-7575 for more information. Commissioner Cagle thanks Harris County Public Health officials for working with Precinct 4 staff to make both sites available as soon as possible.

Township News

Help Our Heroes on Thursday, April 16, 2020



Please consider donating materials if you have them on-hand. Your help is greatly appreciated! Collection Days and Locations are Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Central Fire Station, located at 9951 Grogan's Mill Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77380. Please email pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov if you can help.

- **Supplies Needed:**

- Isolation gowns
- Gloves
- Masks – N95s, surgical, procedure, etc.
- Hair Covers
- Full Face Shields
- PAPR Hoods – Typically only used when doing an aerosolizing procedure.
- Eyewear – Face shields, reusable goggles or disposable glasses
- Boot Covers / Shoe Covers
- Germicidal Wipes
- Disinfectant Spray / Paper Towels



Special Board of Directors Meeting

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will hold a special meeting via videoconference at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2020, to discuss the Township's response to COVID-19. Watch the video at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>. Tune in to the link above to watch.

Reminder: Parks Are Still Closed

The Woodlands Township urges all residents and visitors to continue to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reminds that all Township parks are closed to the public until further notice. "This is an unprecedented time, and we urge Township residents and visitors to abide by the closures for their own safety and the safety of our area," said Township Chairman Gordy Bunch. "We cannot let our guard down in this endeavor."

[Watch a video as Chairman Bunch discusses safety in the parks.](#)

The Township's Coronavirus page

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page now features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more. Please check back often as it is updated frequently.

The Township Coronavirus page, Community Resources link

Please be sure to visit the Township's new Community Resources link, located on the Coronavirus page. This new section features resources for mental health, self-testing, grocery shopping and safety, child care, how to make your own mask, food banks, hotels that are open in The Woodlands, assistance for business and workers, blood drives and how to get assistance through the United Way. Please visit the page soon! www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources

Do Good. Feel Good: A Guide to Community Service While Social Distancing

Looking to make a positive impact during this unprecedented event in our community? Take a look at [how you can help](#) while adhering to CDC guidelines for social distancing.



Please Stay Safe! Practice Social Distancing

For pedestrians using the pathways, please remain a minimum of 6 feet apart. Be sure to stay to the right, watch for other pathway users, be especially alert when running, and listen for audible signals and allow faster pathway users to pass freely.

Community Resources

Jobs, Food Banks,
Hotlines



Dine Out without Dining In

Visit The Woodlands, the destination marketing organization for The Woodlands, is actively working with The Woodlands restaurants, compiling and updating a list of local restaurants offering delivery or curbside pick-up. View and share the growing list of restaurants here: www.visitthewoodlands.com/eatlocal.

Upcoming Blood Drives

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host two upcoming blood drives at the end of April. Every donation can help save as many as three lives. Please see schedule below. For more information, please visit giveblood.org.

- Thursday, April 23, 2020
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Entergy
10055 Grogan's Mill Parkwood 2, The Woodlands, TX 77380



- Sunday, April 26, 2020
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Woodlands United Methodist Church
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380
- The Woodlands Neighborhood Donor Center
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
3091 College Park Drive, Suite 130, The Woodlands, TX 77384
To schedule your appointment, please call: 936-321-8440 or [visit their website](#).
Special hours April 6 – 19:
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

United Way of Greater Houston Helpline and COVID-19 Recovery Fund

United Way of Greater Houston's 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE is our community's go-to resource in times of disaster and every day. The 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE is available 24/7 to connect people with food, childcare, transportation, and other critical information and resources. If you or someone you know needs help, dial 211.

United Way of Greater Houston and the Greater Houston Community Foundation have launched the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund to serve our region's most vulnerable neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more and donate to the fund at greaterhoustonrecovery.org.

YMCA Operating as an Essential Personnel Child Care Site

Located at 6145 Shadowbend Place, The Y is providing a full day of programming, snack and meals for the children of "essential personnel," including medical workers; first responders; select government staff; and grocery store, pharmacy and food distributor employees.

Children, ages 1 - 12 years old are eligible to register. The program runs Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and features games, arts and crafts, STEAM and literacy activities.

[Register online](#). Financial assistance is available.

Food Banks—How You Can Help

Local food banks are inventorying their resources to ascertain what will be needed in the days to come. Many Township residents have expressed a desire to volunteer or donate; please see the information below regarding those needs.



- Interfaith of The Woodlands remains open to meet the basic needs in South Montgomery County, including Senior Grocery Delivery, Crisis Assistance Services and Food Pantry Assistance. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Curbside services are by phone at 281-367-1230. Donations are being accepted. Please read on to learn how you can lend support to Interfaith.
- St. Anthony of Padua's Bread Food Pantry serves all those who ask for and need food regardless of creed or background. The Food Pantry is open to the public on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Please call 832-482-4210 or email fmarsan@ap.church for more information.
- St. Vincent De Paul helps tackle poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need. For questions about St. Vincent DePaul's outreach, please call 281-466-1920. People can also donate online directly to the food pantry or non-food financial assistance [here](#).
- Montgomery County Food Bank is conducting a virtual food drive. Please read on to learn how you can help.
- Meals on Wheels has coordinated a food drive to stock the shelves. A system in place to deliver supplies to the most at-risk neighbors, but they need your help to provide the food... because no one deserves to have an empty pantry, especially at times like this. During these times of uncertainty, food insecurity is at an all-time high. An increasing number of seniors are becoming homebound, as the fear of going out and being exposed to COVID-19 continues. [Join the virtual food drive.](#)
- Community Assistance Center Serving Montgomery County is currently providing assistance to residents of Montgomery County with financial assistance for utilities, pre-packaged bags of groceries during Wednesday Markets and is accepting donations. For more information, please view the flyer.

Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19

Montgomery County: 936-523-5040

Harris County: 713-634-1110

Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19

Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Tracking COVID-19: Local, Regionally, Nationally, Internationally

Below are the widgets for tracking COVID19.

- Montgomery County
- Texas Counties Statewide



- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services Case Counts](#)
- [Global Cases](#)

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.



The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.